

LAURA BIGGAR'S IN NEW YORK

CONFERRING WITH HER LAWYER
AND WAITING FOR RAIL.

Maybe She'll Go to Jersey in a Day or Two
and Surrender—Counsel Says She
Is Going to Fight for the Whole Estate
—Did a Rich Man Finance Her Suit?

Laura Biggar was in Manhattan yesterday at the house of a friend, where, her lawyer says, she has been since Wednesday. She has been unable to get bail, but expects to find a bondsman on Monday or Tuesday. Then she will go to Long Branch, deliver herself up to Judge Heisley and furnish security for her appearance to answer to the charge of conspiracy, made against her by an executor of the Bennett will.

Samuel I. Frankenstein, a lawyer of 45 Broadway, who was one of the counsel employed to set aside the probate of the Bennett will, made a statement last night for Miss Biggar, denying the charge of conspiracy. Mr. Frankenstein said he had seen her on Friday night.

"She is evading arrest only until she can get bail," said he. "She wanted to go over to Jersey on Friday night and surrender, but I advised against it. I told her that it might take some days to get bail, and that if she did not get it, she would be in the Freshfield jail, which was not what she wanted."

"She is now penniless. Her demands on the executor of the Bennett estate for money have been refused. It is no easy matter for her to get bail in Jersey. Most of the people around Farmington who knew her cannot afford to qualify in Jersey in the sum of \$10,000."

"At a conference I had last night with her she told me that Mr. C. C. Black, the lawyer who withdrew her suit before Judge Heisley on Friday, exceeded her instructions. Her position was that she would withdraw the action if the other side would stipulate that she should receive in full her bequest under the will."

"E. C. Black did not so understand her, when he asked the other side to make such an agreement and they refused her withdrawal the action, anyway. I have been instructed by Mrs. Bennett that she is not Mr. Frankenstein spoke of bail to bring a new action at law to set aside the will. She will not waive her rights as wife and as mother and heir-at-law of the infant son of Henry M. Bennett, but will bring proceedings to get the whole estate to which, of course, she is entitled if she can establish those claims."

"This action will not consist of a new motion before the Orphans' Court of Monmouth county. There is a prejudice there against Mr. Bennett. Her suit may take the form of a motion to set aside the probate of the Bennett will, and in Pennsylvania, on the assumption that the will of the posthumous child and the coheir by death to her of its rights in the estate."

"Her desire to withdraw her action is not a new thing. She has been in the habit of withdrawing her action from time to time because she was ill and out of money and wanted to end the thing if it went to the law. When I saw her last night her disposition was quite changed. She is confident that she can establish all her claims and upset the conspiracy which the McNulty lawyers have set up by trapping Stanton into an action that he did not file the certificate marriage as the State law requires."

"Mr. Frankenstein said that Miss Biggar made a bid of \$100,000 to Mr. McNulty to make the plaintiff against her. She says that McNulty was only an employee of Bennett, and claims to hold his note for \$100,000 and claims to have a fourteen-year lease of the opera house property in Pittsburgh for \$10,000 a year, while at the same time McNulty is said to have been paid \$100,000 under the Bennett will and McNulty says that he went to every effort to raise these charges against her to prevent the setting aside of the will."

"Mr. Frankenstein said, for Miss Biggar, that she has the certificate of marriage in her own possession from Jan. 2, 1898, until she turned over to her lawyers. Miss Biggar is, Frankenstein said, very cool and confident of ultimate victory. No effort was made yesterday to serve the warrant on Miss Biggar in New York, for she is not to Hudson county, N. J., for an order of the peace there."

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RUSSIAN PRESS OUTSPOKE ON
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Conditions the Same as Led to the Russo-Turkish War That Freed Bulgaria
—Diplomatic Uneasiness Over the Situation in the East Increases.

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LONDON, Sept. 27.—Public utterances regarding the approaching crisis in Turkey and the Balkans are becoming more plain. Russians and Bulgarians will celebrate with great élan in the next few days the emancipation of Bulgaria from the Turkish yoke. The Grand Duke Nicholas and Gen. Ignatieff will represent Russia in the military demonstration at Shipka, which will be on a scale of such magnitude that it is apparently intended to be of important political significance.

It has been publicly pointed out this week that the Turkish atrocities in Macedonia, Albania and Turkey itself now reach the same condition of anarchy which induced Europe to give Russia a free hand in rescuing the Bulgarians twenty-five years ago.

It transpires also that serious deliberations have been conducted for several weeks between the cabinets of St. Petersburg and Vienna in regard to dealing with the grave situation which is imminent and well-nigh inevitable. Very plain language was used in the semi-official *Norve Vremya* yesterday, when it said:

"Turkey, which twenty-five years ago, was beaten by us and made to bite the dust and which, once crippled and exhausted, has now recovered its strength, is boldly playing the same foul game with Europe as brought about the breakdown of the Constantinople conference of 1877. Does Turkey really believe that anybody has confidence in its constant assurances concerning the fantastic commissions which have been appointed to study the situation in Macedonia and carry out reforms? Does Turkey suppose that Russia sees any serious danger for the tranquility of old Serbia merely because some brigand or other will not tolerate the erection of a Russian consulate at Mitrovitz?"

"However Turkey may try to deceive Europe as to the true state of affairs, it is sufficient for Europe, or, at all events, for ourselves, that this year the crisis in Macedonia and old Serbia has lasted much longer than usual. During the past few years we have heard about Macedonia in the spring. There has pretty regularly been a revolutionary movement there at that season. Last year the disturbances lasted half way through the summer, and afterward some regrettable events took place in old Serbia. This year anarchy has reached its climax. At the beginning of autumn, when, as a rule, all is quiet in the Balkans."

"These are very serious symptoms which bode no good for the near future. Before all, they bode no good for Turkey. It is eminently desirable that the true situation should at last be realized at the Yildiz Kiosk, and that the sad lessons of history should be remembered before it is too late."

The diplomatic uneasiness over the whole near East situation continues to increase. It is probably for this reason that Secretary Hay's note in regard to the treatment of the Roumanian Jews may fail to bring replies of greater definiteness than a courteous acknowledgment from the Continental powers. Roumania herself will be as true as she dares, and it cannot be expected that there will be any real amelioration of the treatment of the Jews at present. The punishment, which sooner or later is certain to bring the Roumanian Government to its senses, will be in the shape of financial penalties and the refusal of banking concerns to float Roumanian Government loans anywhere in Europe.

VIENNA, Sept. 27.—A despatch from Salonika says all the villagers in the village of Monastir, Macedonia, especially in the Dodona district, have risen in revolt and have been marching since Tuesday against the Turkish villagers. Troops have been sent to suppress the uprising. The situation is grave.

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ENGLISH OPERA IN LONDON.

Successful Season at Covent Garden Closed
Last Night.

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LONDON, Sept. 27.—The Moody-Manners Company concluded a five weeks' season of English opera at Covent Garden to-night. The experiment was regarded at the outset as doubtful, but it is interesting to note that the experiment resulted in success. There were large and enthusiastic audiences at ordinary theatre prices every night.

The audience, indeed, formed as strong a contrast to the audience of a summer season as did the company and orchestra to those heard during the grand opera weeks. It was much more democratic and much more democratic. Tweed suits and flannels invaded the stalls and even the boxes. For five weeks the opera was performed without the engagement of a single star, but the unfashionable looking audience was appreciative and sympathetic, although not highly discriminating.

In regard to the company, the critics all around treated the performances with the greatest generosity, praising lavishly and criticizing mildly. Its resources, especially in the matter of the orchestra, were not equal to the requirements of the Wagnerian drama in its later developments; but more than one leading critic declared that the performance of "Lohengrin" was the best all-around representation of that opera that had ever been given on the London boards. The chorus of fresh, tuneful voices was certainly a pleasant change at Covent Garden, where, during the grand opera season, the chorus gives a person the idea that the members of it are contemporaries of the building itself.

The performances discovered no new talent that is likely to cause a sensation in the musical world, though they contained many good singers. The artists had no really adequate Wagnerian roles to interpret. Once more it was also shown that the majority of Anglicized versions of foreign libretti need complete rewriting before they can be sung with artistic decency.

One new opera, Pezzi's "Rosalia," was produced last night. It was reported to have been a great success in Italy. It is a tuneful little work in one act, but it makes no valuable addition to opera. It shows the influence of Puccini, Mascagni and Leoncavallo, plainly, but there is no stamp of the composer's own individuality.

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FRENCHMAN'S VIEW OF THE
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Europe Now Assigned to Our Exerting
a Preponderating Influence in Latin-
America—New Page of History Turned
Since the Spanish-American War.

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PARIS, Sept. 27.—M. Caix has a striking article in the *Journal des Debats* on the relations of the United States and the Latin-American countries. He says Europe is evidently resigned to see the United States exerting a preponderating influence in the Caribbean Sea. England, by consenting to the revision of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, renounced the quality of power and authority which she sought to establish in 1850. France avoided political action and confined her efforts to save as much as possible of the immense capital which had been swallowed there. Since the United States appear certain to buy the Panama Canal, M. Caix says, France will lose even this interest.

M. Caix declares that it is no longer necessary for the United States to proclaim the Monroe Doctrine. On the contrary, the world is beginning to realize that since the Spanish-American War a page of history has been turned and the world's Americanization has begun.

The republics of the south are becoming nervous at the interference of the United States, as has been evidenced by the protest of Gov. Salazar of Panama against the landing of American marines along the line of the Isthmus railway, and the appeal of the press of Buenos Ayres to the Argentine Government to take the lead in grouping the south against the northern danger.

M. Caix warns the southern republics that they must set their house in order if they want to maintain their right of existence or they will inevitably fall into the power of an energetic, pushing race, that is determined to make the most of all things.

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London Fire Chief Denies a Rumor.
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LONDON, Sept. 27.—Capt. Wells, chief officer of the London Fire Brigade, denies the report printed in the *Daily Mail* this morning that at the resumption of the sittings of the London County Council he would ask permission to retire. The story was to the effect that Capt. Wells had reached this decision because of the recent stories about the inefficiency of the London Fire Brigade.

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